

CHAPTER NO. 146

HOUSE BILL NO. 474

By Representative Fowlkes

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 305

By Senator Ketron

AN ACT to name a certain bridge in Marshall County in honor of the late Specialist Roy Nance Manns.

WHEREAS, since the birth of our great nation, hundreds of thousands of brave American men and women have served their country in the armed forces, defending the most inviolate principles of human freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, one such person was Specialist Roy Nance Manns, who died in combat operations when hit by fragments from a hostile mine during the Vietnam War in 1967; and

WHEREAS, Roy Nance Manns was born on December 17, 1945, in Marshall County, the oldest child of Wesley and Nan Manns and the brother of Helen Manns Woodard and Linda Manns White; and

WHEREAS, Roy grew up in the southern part of Marshall County on the Will Murrey Farm, helping his parents farm the land and milk dairy cows; and

WHEREAS, Roy Manns attended Cornersville High School, where he achieved honors in football and participated in the 4-H Club, serving with probity as president of the 4-H Honor Club; he actively participated, along with his sisters, in showing registered dairy cattle throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, following his graduation from high school in 1964, Roy attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and was later the Marshall County technician for the Artificial Breeding Association, working with Dr. L.L. Isaacson's Veterinary Clinic; and

WHEREAS, Roy received his orders to enter the U.S. Army in 1966 and on November 25 of that year he married Edna Luna; and

WHEREAS, Roy Manns died just five months before he was to receive his discharge from the Army; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Manns gave the ultimate sacrifice defending our country and our way of life and fought to protect and defend the freedom and rights for each of us so that we may live in peace; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly wish to name a certain bridge spanning the CSX rail line on U.S. Highway 31A in Marshall County to memorialize this distinguished Tennessean, who made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the blessed freedoms we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the bridge spanning the CSX rail line north of Cornersville on U.S. Highway 31A in Marshall County is hereby designated as the "Specialist Roy Manns Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to this gentleman for his dedicated service.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Specialist Roy Manns Memorial Bridge".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 30, 2003



**JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**



**JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE**

APPROVED this 19th day of May 2003



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR